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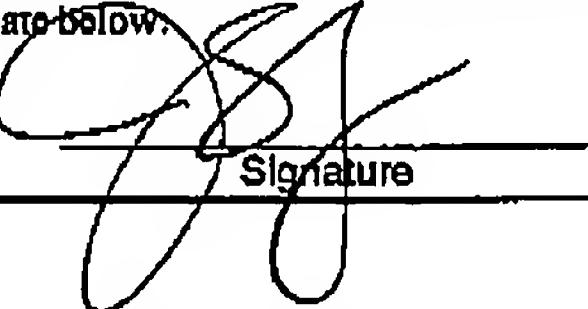
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 29, 2005, please reconsider the application based on the following:

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.